

APPENDIX A. SEPTEMBER 10, 2002, PUBLIC HEARING HANDOUTS



67th Avenue Overpass at Northern Avenue and Grand Avenue (US 60)

Design Concept Study and Environmental Assessment



PUBLIC HEARING

September 10, 2002

Project Overview

Grand Avenue has undergone a series of studies over the past two decades. These studies have identified and examined a number of alternatives that ranged from eliminating Grand Avenue (US 60) to building a freeway along Grand Avenue. In September 1999, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) completed a Major Investment Study (MIS). The MIS recommended alternating grade-separations at eight intersection locations along Grand Avenue in order to eliminate one leg of the existing six-legged intersections. Each of these eight projects are being carried through the preliminary design and environmental evaluation process.

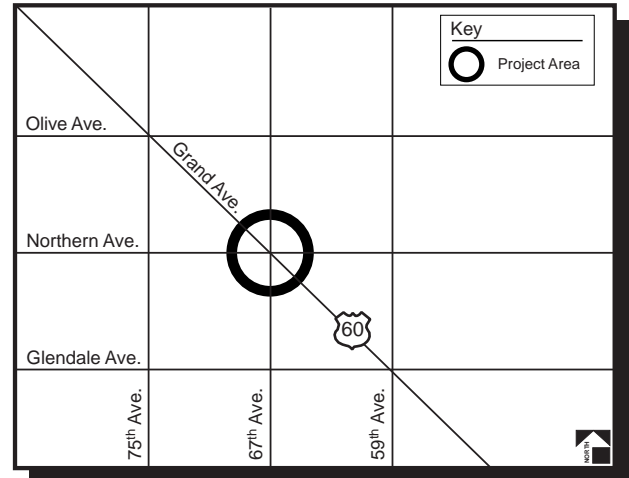
Purpose of Hearing

This is the public hearing for the 67th Avenue Overpass at Northern Avenue and Grand Avenue intersection project. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the identified preferred roadway alternative and the Environmental Assessment (EA).

67th Avenue/ Northern Avenue Location

ADOT is proposing to realign 67th Avenue as a grade-separated overpass, passing over Northern Avenue, the railroad, and Grand Avenue. Construction of the 67th Avenue grade-separation to eliminate the six-legged intersection would lessen the traffic congestion at the resulting intersection. The preferred alternative identified in the Draft EA is illustrated on the reverse side of this page.

The proposed project would require the full or partial acquisitions of 13 privately-owned parcels. Service roads would be constructed to allow traffic to travel between 67th Avenue, Northern Avenue, and Grand Avenue. The preferred alternative would require motorists to travel new routes to make turns that they currently make at the six-legged



Project Area

67th Avenue, Northern Avenue, and Grand Avenue intersection.

In the preferred alternative, 67th Avenue would be shifted slightly to the west to eliminate impacts to the Salt River Project Well site located at the existing northwest quadrant of the 67th Avenue, Grand Avenue, and Northern Avenue intersection. Southbound traffic on 67th Avenue would be allowed to access Grand and Northern Avenues using the new two-way Connector Road C2 that ties to Grand Avenue approximately a quarter of a mile northwest of the existing six-legged intersection.

Turn movements from Connector Road B onto Grand Avenue would be limited to right turns only. Movement from Northern Avenue onto Connector Road B would include left and right turns.

In addition, two detention basins would be built. One basin would be built between the Connector Road C1 and C2. The other detention basin would be located across from the Frier Drive and 67th Avenue intersection, between Connector Road B and 67th Avenue.

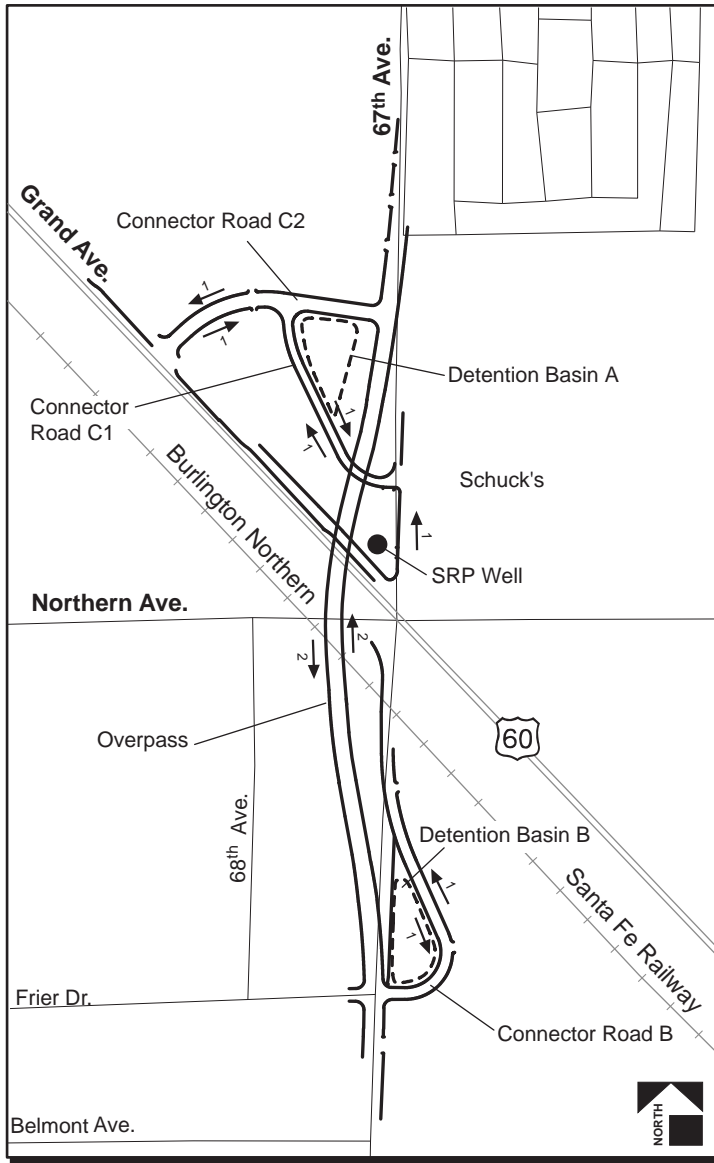
The construction cost is estimated to be \$13 million. ADOT has programmed funds and expects to begin construction in summer 2003. The proposed project would be open to traffic in 2005.



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Preferred Alternative



Key

- Roadway Improvements
- ← Direction of Travel
- 3 Number of Through Lanes

Project Team

ADOT and consultant representatives are available tonight to discuss the project and answer your questions. Trent Kelso is ADOT's Project Manager from Valley Project Management and Larry Lindner is the Environmental Planner from ADOT's Environmental Planning Group.

Assisting ADOT with the engineering effort is AZTEC Engineering, with Scott McKenzie serving as their Project Manager. Michael Shirley, with Logan Simpson Design Inc., is responsible for the EA. Representatives from the Project Team are wearing name tags so that you can easily recognize them.

Your Input

The primary objective of tonight's hearing is to obtain your input on the findings of the EA and the recommended roadway design. Please take the time to put your comments in writing on the Comment Sheet or provide your comments to the court reporter. You may leave your comments tonight or send your comments by September 25, 2002, to:

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